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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director Plans

SUBJECT : Public Law 250

You may be interested in PL 250, approved 5 August 1955, establishing the organization of the Department of State.

The law provides for the Secretary of State and Under Secretary of State, three Deputy Secretaries of State and ten Assistant Secretaries of State. Under the old law two Assistant Secretaries of State were designated as Deputy Under Secretaries; under the new law the Deputy Under Secretaries are not counted against the Assistant Secretary quota. It is believed that the third Deputy Under Secretary will be in the area of Economic Affairs. The two new Assistant Secretaryships made available through PL 250 have been given to the Policy Planning Staff and the Comptroller. If it is determined that both a Deputy Under Secretary and an Assistant Secretary will not be needed in the area of Economic Affairs this will open up another Assistant Secretaryship.

The law provides that the Counselor and the Legal Advisor of the Department shall rank equal and receive the pay of Assistant Secretaries. PL 250 establishes eight classes of Foreign Service officers including the classes of career ambassador and career minister. The salary of career ambassador is the same as that of any Assistant Secretary. The class of career ambassador is a new one, as previously there could only be career ministers. To qualify, an individual must have served for at least fifteen years in a position of responsibility in the Government, including at least three years as a career minister; rendered exceptionally distinguished service to the Government; and met such other requirements as the Secretary shall prescribe.

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